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Timely Tidbits ...

Board Asks Help with Nonresident Students

Residents who know of any nonresident student attending the Romulus Community Schools are being asked to call 734-532-1626 to report the student's name and the school that he/she attends.

Parents, legal guardians, and those possessing a power-of-attorney should note that they must provide at least three of the following pieces of identification when registering new students: driver's license, voter registration, mortgage document, utility bill, IRS information, employment record, and charge-card, insurance, or bank statement.

Soccer Practice Set

Romulus High School's soccer program will begin practice on Monday, August 15, and continue each weekday from 10 a.m. until noon. All practice sessions will be held at the Middle School field.

Goddard Closing from Middlebelt to Inkster

The replacement of two deteriorated concrete box culverts under Goddard Road and drainage/pavement improvements in the surrounding area will result in the temporary closing of Goddard Road from Middlebelt to Inkster roads. Construction will begin the third week in August, and is expected to be complete sometime in October.

Detour signs will be posted to route traffic to Northline and Harrison roads.

St. Aloysius Festival

The annual St. Aloysius Festival will be held the weekend of Friday, August 26, through Sunday, August 28. Highlights of the family-oriented event will include new attractions like a dog show and horseshoe tournament, as well as updated carnival rides and a revamped Las Vegas Tent featuring the red-hot game of Texas Hold 'Em. For more information, see the ad/article on page 13. □

Chemical Plant Fire Leads to Evacuation

By Kristi Stephens

A fire that broke out at Environmental Quality Resource Recovery Systems in Romulus led to the evacuation of hundreds of residents from the surrounding area, but resulted in no fatalities or serious injuries.

The plant – located at 36345 Van Born near Wayne Road – uses a variety of chemicals in its daily operation, which includes the cleaning and recycling of wastewaters. Altogether, the solvent tank farm and drum processing area where the blaze occurred have a storage capacity of more than 194,000 gallons.

According to a statement issued by the City of Romulus, the fire first erupted at 9:18 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9. Although a small night shift of more than a half-dozen employees were working at the time, no one was hurt, and all were

able to get away safely. The cause of the blaze was unknown as of press time.

Romulus police, fire, and emergency-management personnel were on the scene within minutes, but roaring flames, enormous plumes of smoke, and episodic explosions caused by additional tanks catching fire posed a major hazard. Evaluation by local and visiting public-safety crews, including the Western Wayne Hazardous Materials team, led to a decision to allow the fire to burn down, and actual fire-fighting efforts did not begin until about noon the following day.

Because of the potential threat posed by the fire and resultant toxic fumes, residents in the area bounded by Van Born, Wayne Road, Ecorse Road, and Cogswell were quickly evacuated. Emergency shelters, including one at

Romulus High School, were established for those who had been displaced, and Red Cross and Salvation Army workers were on hand to offer their support.

Charles Kirby, Director of Public Safety for the City of Romulus, said he hoped that the evacuees would be able to return to their homes before the end of the day, but would not be sure until the emergency-response teams had finished their initial evaluation. Among those assessing conditions in the area were Environmental Protection Agency staff members, who were on hand to monitor air quality. The agency had not reported any serious hazard to Kirby as of 12 p.m. Wednesday.

Kirby, Fire Chief David Allison, and Mayor Alan R. Lambert said they would like to thank all the local and area personnel who responded to the scene. □

Tom Ellis Retires After 29 Years with City

By Kristi Stephens

A retirement party for Romulus Police Officer Tom Ellis drew about 200 well-wishers to the Best Western Hotel on August 5.

Ellis – or "Super Cop," as he was dubbed by the late Dave Atkins, founder of *The Romulus News* – worked for the City of Romulus in various capacities for the past 29 years.

Ellis is perhaps one of the best-known faces in town. His long work in community policing, including more than three years as Mayor Alan Lambert's Community Liaison Officer, brought him into contact with literally thousands of Romulus residents.

Since he's such a "people person," Ellis knows that he's going to miss his job. Still, he believes it was time to go.

"It's been a wonderful ride, and I really enjoyed serving the people here, but I've put in my time," he said simply.

Ellis was overwhelmed by the tremendous outpouring of affection and appreciation he received at his retirement party, but was especially touched by one of Mayor Lambert's remarks.

"He told everyone that he was sorry, but he had to shake their hands with his left hand because he'd just lost his right hand," Ellis explained.

Although he's officially retired, Ellis plans to remain an active member of the community he loves so dearly. He also intends to fit some travel (including a trip

to Hawaii this winter) and a bit of hunting and fishing into his still-busy schedule.

It was in 1976, before Romulus had its own police department, that Ellis hired in as a part-time reserve with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department,

which handled the City's law enforcement at that time. He also did a two-year stint as the City's Ordinance Department director (1983 to 1985) before becoming a full-time member of the Romulus Police Department. □



(From right) Community Liaison Officer Tom Ellis, his wife Judi, and their son Scott (a Lansing police officer) were overwhelmed by the turnout of well-wishers at the longtime City employee's recent retirement party.

Letters to the Editor

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Golf Outing Supports Rotary's Service Projects

To the Editor:

On June 9, 2005, the Romulus Rotary Club held its 14th annual Golf Outing at the Gateway Golf Course in Romulus. Ron Hopson, a local businessman and Rotarian, chaired the event. The Romulus Rotary would like to thank all the local sponsors that contributed to making the occasion such a successful fund-raiser.

Events such as the golf outing allow the Romulus Rotary Club to sponsor community-service projects throughout the city, including such projects as the annual Parade of Lights (which kicks off the Romulus Pumpkin Festival each September) and the building of wheelchair ramps for disabled residents.

This year, the Rotary Club is excited to host an exchange student from Finland. The student, Maria Mellin, will attend Romulus High School while living with various Romulus Rotary Club families. Maria will arrive in mid August and spend the entire school year at RHS, participating in Rotary, community, and family activities with her host families.

Anyone who would like more information on the Romulus Rotary Club, or would like to inquire about how to get involved in the group, may contact me at 734-502-0100.

Sincerely,
Steve Weatherholt
Romulus Rotary Club

McLachlan Comments on School District Issues

To the Editor:

I usually don't get involved with other people's expressions of opinion (or "facts," as they see them), but comments made at a recent meeting of the Romulus Board of Education force me to offer some "clarification" and debatable dialogue.

I will begin by stating that I have lived in Romulus for 13 years, and that my family and I had our home built here to take advantage of the excellent educational opportunities available to Romulus residents. (It should be noted that we moved here from Dearborn Heights, where I was on the Westwood Board of Education for eight years.) The Romulus community had recently passed a major bond issue to fund significant advances in technology for education, which gained national attention.

During the recent Board meeting, numerous misstatements were made and misconceptions were expressed by "concerned members of the public." One of my favorites was the mantra that "I don't have kids in the schools, so why am I paying for XYZ's kids to go to school?" The woman who stated this also stated that her children, now grown, attended Romulus schools.

One of the joys of a free, democratic society is that the public "pays into the pot" to ensure that a free, public education is available to all students. One

individual's contribution to this "pot" certainly does not cover the cost of educating his/her student(s), nor was it intended to do so. This was true in the "good old days" just as it is true today. On its face, the woman's assertion is absurd, and not worthy of further debate.

Another issue is the "disproportionate" share of taxes paid by owners of newly constructed homes. A major part of this disparity is caused by the Michigan Legislature and then-Governor John Engler, who fooled many people who were not informed about the issues into voting to approve "Proposal A" – which, true to the predictions made at the time, actually resulted in a tax increase for most property owners. Another, smaller part of the argument is simple market mathematics. Plainly stated, new homes are usually worth considerably more than older homes, thus resulting in much different assessments.

An argument that I cannot accept – and I hope that the elected officials of this community feel likewise (to an extent, understanding the inherent politics!)

– is that made by many residents of "The Commons, Phase 2" (as identified at the meeting). These residents are complaining that they cannot pay their tax bills. I wonder – How long have you owned the home, and did you not know the tax "burden" of the community before you purchased it? Although I certainly don't live on "Easy Street," having been forced to medically retire two years ago, I recognize the priority of living in a community with superior educational opportunities and a supportive electorate.

I take issue with the negative tones and insinuations of "voter turmoil" directed at the Board of Education and administration. This community has duly voted millage rates, regulated by statute, and the only mechanism to change them (by the electorate) is at the time that the voted levy expires (currently 2011, I believe). Although it is factually correct to say that the school district has the same ability as the city, county, and state to assess less than what is authorized by the vote, the Romulus school

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Guest Commentary

Looking Back on the Last Four Years ... and Looking Ahead to Another Four

By Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert
Four years.

If you stop and think about it, Romulus is a different place today than it was four years ago. We now have a downtown that is thriving with a new grocery store, several new restaurants, and a renewed community presence. We are also in the process of building a new senior center as well as a new recreation center.

I am proud of everything we have been able to accomplish in four years, but I am not ready to stop improving our community. There are still so many exciting projects and improvements that I want to bring to the residents of Romulus.

I will work to further strengthen our police and fire departments. As you all know, the safety of our residents has always been very important to me, first in my days as a Romulus police officer and now as your mayor. I am proud to say that, during my first term, we were able to give our residents a 24-hour/7-day-a-week fire department for the first time in our city's history.

The next step in improving our fire department will be to enable our firefighters to transport sick or injured residents to the hospital without waiting for an ambulance to arrive. This measure will preserve the precious moments needed to help save lives. In addition, we have begun plans to build a new fire department headquarters at Ecorse and Vining at no increase in taxes.

I will continue to work hard on behalf of the will of the people to bring a casino to the residents of Romulus. By bringing in new commercial/industrial development and new revenue to the city, we hope to be able to relieve the residential tax burden in Romulus. Not

only will a casino bring thousands of new jobs to our city, it will also bring millions of dollars in revenue. A casino will create the type of new revenue that will allow us the possibility of reducing taxes for Romulus residents – something that I would truly like to do for our community. We will also work with the school district to help them utilize the schools' portion of the new revenues to reduce school taxes.

Along with the casino comes the prospect of even more new retail coming into Romulus. We are currently in talks with major mall developers interested in bringing a high-end shopping development to our city. We are also receiving calls from several national chains interested in opening in Romulus.

We will continue to work with Councilman Bill Wadsworth to make the dream of a new animal shelter a reality in Romulus. A better-equipped and updated shelter is long overdue in our community.

Although I am extremely proud of all we have accomplished, I am even more excited about the possibilities that await this city during the next four years. We have come so far from where we began, but it is not over yet.

Let's keep this progress moving forward. Let's continue to drive Romulus into the future.

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Editor's note: The "Guest Commentary" column is open to all responsible individuals and spokespersons who wish to share their views about subjects of interest to the people who live and work in Romulus. To find out more about submitting a column for consideration, please contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at 734-941-1907.

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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity during the period of Monday, July 25, through Sunday, August 7. (Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, July 25

- 1:46 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 5:06 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28500 Goddard)
- 8:09 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 29400 Pennsylvania)
- 10:43 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9960 Wayne)
- 11:15 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 15000 Streamway)
- 2:13 p.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 34100 Hearst)
- 2:41 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 15800 Ridgebrook Path)
- 4:50 p.m. – Threats (block of 5890 Georgia)
- 6:48 p.m. – Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 37300 Wick)
- 6:53 p.m. – Threats (block of 34600 Julie)
- 8:51 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15600 Isabelle)
- 8:57 p.m. – JC/R (block of 39300 Wabash)
- 9:23 p.m. – Threats (block of 16200 Oak Tree)
- 10:04 p.m. – B&E (block of 36100 Ecorse)

Tuesday, July 26

- 12:25 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6970 Chippewa)
- 10:29 a.m. – B&E (block of 15700 Brandt)
- 10:36 a.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:59 a.m. – Malicious Destruction of Property (MDOP) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:58 p.m. – Threats (block of 5890 Georgia)
- 5:17 p.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (block of 28600 S. Maple)
- 5:19 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15800 Isabelle)
- 6:42 p.m. – Threats (block of 6740 Merriman)
- 7:15 p.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 6220 Middlebelt)
- 9:08 p.m. – B&E (block of 7070 Niagara)

Wednesday, July 27

- 4:26 a.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 28700 Zellmer)
- 4:39 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 6:45 a.m. – MDOP (block of 11200 Sharon)
- 10:01 a.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 9670 Harrison)
- 11:56 a.m. – MDOP (block of 5910 Esther)
- 12:02 p.m. – UDAA (block of 35300 Van Born)
- 1:43 p.m. – UDAA (block of 15000 Knoll Way)
- 6:03 p.m. – CSC (block of 16000 Meadow)
- 6:25 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15700 Brandt)
- 6:38 p.m. – Threats (block of 6000 Georgia)
- 9:23 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 37400 Tyler)
- 9:46 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 6790 Merriman)
- 11:13 p.m. – UDAA (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 11:32 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6100 Kenwood)

Thursday, July 28

- 12:55 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 7110 Merriman)
- 1:15 a.m. – Robbery (block of 7090 Wayne)
- 9:53 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 10000 Miriam)
- 10:24 a.m. – MDOP (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 11:31 a.m. – Drug-related Activity/Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 3:08 p.m. – MDOP (block of 6850 Middlebelt)
- 4:30 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 13500 Huron River Dr.)
- 4:35 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 10400 Harrison)
- 4:42 p.m. – MDOP (block of 30300 Ecorse)
- 8:02 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:20 p.m. – JC/R (block of 30700 Cherry)
- 10:01 p.m. – MDOP (block of 30000 Jamestown)
- 11:20 p.m. – MDOP (block of 34700 Malcolm)

Friday, July 29

- 12:11 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 29200 River Oak)
- 5:21 a.m. – UDAA (block of 9860 Middlebelt)
- 8:35 a.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (RPD headquarters)

- 10:12 a.m. – JC/R (block of 6060 Heyer)
- 10:24 a.m. – MDOP (block of 34700 Stewart)
- 11:20 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 12:52 p.m. – UDAA (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 2:03 p.m. – A&B (block of 35500 Garner)
- 2:13 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15500 Harrison)
- 2:33 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 34900 Horace Jackson)
- 3:58 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 35400 Beverly)
- 4:46 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 4:50 p.m. – Threats (block of 6010 Essex)
- 6:07 p.m. – Rescue (block of 14600 New York)
- 6:25 p.m. – B&E (block of 35800 Sussex Dr.)
- 11:30 p.m. – JC/R (block of 35400 N. Alexander)

Saturday, July 30

- 12:27 a.m. – JC/R (block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 1:55 a.m. – UDAA (block of 2800 Leroy)
- 2:58 a.m. – Rescue (block of 5860 Georgia)
- 3:27 a.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 35400 Beverly)
- 8:03 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 10100 Sterling)
- 10:45 a.m. – A&B (block of 6060 Airborne)
- 10:49 a.m. – UDAA (block of 6970 Canyon)
- 11:10 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15900 Orchard)
- 1:22 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6700 Merriman)

- 2:26 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 16300 Dodge)
- 5:52 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 29000 Leroy)
- 8:09 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6100 Colorado)
- 9:24 p.m. – MDOP (block of 5800 Chamberlain)

Sunday, July 31

- 12:33 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 5930 W. Maple)
- 12:52 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 34000 Joan)
- 6:46 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15300 Oakwood Dr.)
- 11:47 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 28700 Zellmer)
- 3:09 p.m. – Threats (block of 6310 Fourth)
- 3:26 p.m. – Fight (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 5:33 p.m. – Larceny (block of 7190 Burton)
- 6:20 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 7:59 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 8:22 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7120 Farnum)
- 8:38 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 7800 Surrey Dr.)
- 9:20 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 12100 Inkster)
- 11:45 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9210 Wayne)

Monday, August 1

- 12:15 a.m. – MDOP (block of 5820 Middlebelt)
- 1:25 a.m. – Fight (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 10:10 a.m. – MDOP (block of 37300 Goddard)
- 1:11 p.m. – Fight (block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)

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district has gone to great lengths to assess the needs of the students and weigh them very carefully with the tax levy. In fact, the school district has lowered the tax levy many times over the last several years. How many other taxing units can boast that?

Another area that these "concerned citizens" fail to understand is that of the fixed costs faced by the schools—retirement costs assessed by the State of Michigan, health-care costs, utility increases, etc. — almost all of which are completely out of the control of the local governing body. Even with these increased costs over the past several years, and the State of Michigan's failure to increase, however modestly, any funding for public education, the Romulus school district has not had to increase taxes. Yes, this is attributed to new homes coming into the community. It is also fair to credit the administration and school board with the hard work they have done to maximize the value for money spent.

If I hear one more comparison to "neighboring schools" with less millage levied, I might scream out loud! Take a look at these "neighboring schools" and

what they offer — Taylor, where high-school kids are walking down Beech Daly Road, without sidewalks; Westwood, where "elective" courses are all but nonexistent; Inkster, where leadership and community support are at all-time lows ... I put our programs up against any other district in the state. There is a reason that Romulus Community Schools are selected to pilot many new and innovative programs. Let us not lose sight of that.

It is important to note that I do not agree with all actions of the administration and school board. It is healthy to have constructive debate and criticism. There are some serious inequities with funding of specific programs within the schools, but that is another argument for another day.

In closing, I would like to say, especially to those "newer residents" in the community: "Welcome to Romulus. I hope you enjoy this community that so many have sacrificed for and worked to create over many years. May you reap the maximum benefit from our investment."

Sincerely,
Robert W. McLachlan
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Little League All-Stars Finish Second



Romulus Little League's "Minors" (ages 9–10) All-Star Softball Team took second place in the recent District 5 championships — the organization's highest finish in recent memory. Members of the team include: (from left) front — Kaitlyn Keys and Kayte Nickel; middle — Kierstyn Burns, Jessie New, Chelsea Shellman, Raven Simmons, Courtney VanRiper, and Danielle Herbert; back — Megan Dotson, coach Sandi Dotson, manager Krista VanRiper, Shakari Cummings, and coach Craig Nickel. (Not pictured: Paige Gubaci.)

The Police Blotter

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- 1:20 p.m. – B&E
(block of 5920 Chamberlain)
- 5:05 p.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 5930 Panam)
- 8:32 p.m. – B&E
(block of 6130 E. Alexander)
- 9:05 p.m. – B&E
(block of 6120 E. Alexander)

Tuesday, August 2

- 12:00 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:37 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 11000 Wahrman)
- 10:39 a.m. – B&E
(block of 7050 Delany)
- 11:19 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 38800 Tempe)
- 3:52 p.m. – Threats
(block of 35200 Ecorse)
- 6:03 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 16500 Jessica Ln.)
- 7:55 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 30700 Beverly)
- 8:30 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15600 Sandburg)
- 9:33 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 15000 Meadow)
- 10:14 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 11000 Moore)

Wednesday, August 3

- 1:04 a.m. – B&E
(block of 11100 Wayne)
- 1:47 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 28700 N. Maple)
- 3:09 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9190 Wickham)
- 8:40 a.m. – MDOP
(block of 35600 Stephanie)
- 9:45 a.m. – Dumping/Littering
(block of 6680 Metroplex)
- 9:46 a.m. – Threats
(block of 10000 Harrison)
- 10:18 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 36600 Goddard)

- 11:22 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 34000 Pine Wood Cir.)

Thursday, August 4

- 5:49 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 5820 Middlebelt)
- 7:07 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 28400 Northline)
- 8:38 a.m. – MDOP
(block of 28300 Beverly)
- 11:00 a.m. – Threats
(block of 38900 Wabash)
- 12:11 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 11200 Metro Airport Center)
- 12:21 p.m. – Wires Down
(block of 27400 Pennsylvania)
- 6:43 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 9500 Middlebelt)
- 8:07 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 14500 Huron River Dr.)
- 8:11 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 27400 Wick)
- 8:32 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 28700 S. Maple)
- 9:26 p.m. – A&B
(block of 9770 Wayne)

Friday, August 5

- 1:04 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15600 Merriman)
- 6:55 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 9090 Wickham)
- 10:58 a.m. – Trespassing
(block of 14200 Huron River Dr.)
- 11:02 a.m. – Dumping/Littering
(block of 15300 Orchard)
- 12:12 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL)
(block of 7100 Middlebelt)
- 3:29 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 7780 Merriman)
- 4:08 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 4:26 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 4:28 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 5830 Metro)

- 5:24 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 27400 Newcastle)
- 5:55 p.m. – Fight
(block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 6:02 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 38600 Cody)
- 8:10 p.m. – Threats
(block of 6010 Airborne)
- 8:17 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 8:25 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 30200 Dorset)
- 8:33 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 28400 Eureka)
- 8:44 p.m. – MDOP
(block of 8450 Merriman)
- 10:08 p.m. – MDOP
(block of 30500 California)
- 11:28 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 29100 Wick)

Saturday, August 6

- 12:13 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 29300 Airport Dr.)
- 12:23 a.m. – OUIL
(block of 11000 Middlebelt)
- 1:09 a.m. – MDOP
(block of 5800 Merriman)
- 11:27 a.m. – Family Trouble
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:36 p.m. – MDOP
(block of 6050 Biddle)
- 5:27 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 32100 Ecorse)
- 7:32 p.m. – Rescue

- (block of 32800 I-94 E.)
- 7:57 p.m. – K-9 Assist
(block of 9200 Middlebelt)
- 9:51 p.m. – Overdose
(block of 27500 Newcastle)
- 11:47 p.m. – MDOP
(block of 9500 Middlebelt)

Sunday, August 7

- 8:52 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 33800 Ecorse)
- 11:40 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 35200 Wick)
- 3:30 p.m. – MDOP
(block of 28000 Leroy)
- 5:33 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15600 Merriman)
- 6:12 p.m. – MDOP
(block of 28500 Leroy)
- 6:24 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9190 Wickham)
- 6:53 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 11400 Hannan)
- 7:03 p.m. – Rescue
(block of 15500 Meadow)
- 8:40 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 7940 Silo Dr.)
- 9:30 p.m. – Shots Fired
(block of 15500 Meadow)
- 9:38 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 7940 Silo Dr.)
- 11:02 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 14200 Harrison)
- 11:19 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 30600 Flynn Dr.) □

Kindergartners Get Lesson in Careers



Kevin and Julie Wojtylko, their daughter Alyssa, and Giovanna Hamilton enjoyed taking part in a "Learning About Careers" program that gave Halecreek Elementary kindergartners an opportunity to observe the Fire and Rescue Department at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. After Wojtylko explained his duties, the children got to try out some of his firefighting equipment and see where the firemen sleep during their shift.

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Romulus Middle School To Stress "The Romulus Way"

Romulus Middle School's new building administrators, principal Phyllis Adkins and assistant principal Rhonda Henry, are looking forward to the implementation of a new program called "The Romulus Way." The program, which is designed to enhance student academic success and achievement, will be used in grades 7-12 this year.

"We want all school staff, students, parents, and community volunteers to know our academic and behavioral expectations before we start school," said Adkins. "We feel that it is very important to have a common connecting point between students, parents, and staff as a learning community."

Last spring, Adkins and Henry joined students from Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School for workshops that identified Respect, Responsibility, and Resourcefulness as necessary attributes for student success in a

high-quality learning environment. The two administrators are urging parents to get involved and discuss the three key words and their meanings with their child(ren) before the Middle School's upcoming orientation sessions:

- seventh grade: Monday, August 22, and Tuesday, August 23; and
- eighth grade: Wednesday, August 24, and Friday, August 26.

Parents are encouraged to attend the orientation programs, as well, since a good deal of important information on subjects like locker assignments and student schedules will be presented at that time. Student pictures will also be taken, and parents will be asked to update emergency telephone numbers and medication consent information.

"Parental support will be the first step to effecting a positive change among our students," assistant principal Henry concluded. □



Phyllis Adkins (center), the new principal at Romulus Middle School, worked with Sheila Reeves (left) and Leanne Dawson on the school's new discipline program, called "The Romulus Way."

Archway Provides "Summer Fun" to Wick School Students

Employees of the Archway company's Romulus division sent many Wick Elementary students off to a happy vacation by donating a variety of games and toys for their summer enjoyment.

Romulus plant manager Bob Stone was pleased with his employees' generosity, and thanked administrative assistant Sally Thomas, accounts coordinator Stephanie Ryalls, and materials coordinator Dawn Portwood for their help in organizing the "Summer Fun" drive and for delivering the goods to Wick School.

"I am happy to bring so many fun activities to Wick students," he said.

Debbie Juriga, principal of Wick Elementary, explained how the goodies were distributed.

"We were able to allow over 100

students to select entertaining games for the summer," she said. "Our sixth-grade Student Council members decided that students who had never been to the Discipline Room should be the ones to choose games they would like from the Archway donation. These students were initially treated to some ice cream and presented with a medal and a certificate before going on to shop at the Archway 'store.'"

"Needless to say, our students were very happy with their new gifts," she added.

Principal Juriga concluded by thanking plant manager Stone and all the employees at Archway for "being a part of the village it takes to raise children in today's challenging environment." □



New RMS assistant principal Rhonda Henry (second from right) took part in a discipline workshop with Romulus High School students (from left) Jena Paisley, Ebony Coleman, and Krishna Hall. Henry will bring the system to the Middle School this fall.



Other RHS students who worked on the Middle School's new discipline program, which stresses respect, responsibility, and resourcefulness, were: (from left) left row – Jessica Fox, Lola Wynn, Larhonda Colvin, and Ron Baker; right row – Melissa Brewington, Samina Haq, Lindsay Green, Michelle Patterson, Megan Whalen, Katie Hale, and Kenise Thompson.



Romulus Archway employees provided students at Wick Elementary School with boxes of "summer fun." Pictured are: (from left) front – Dawn Portwood (materials coordinator); middle – Ben Camilleri, Erica Ross, Diamond Chandler, Eric Wands, Jasmine Williams, Carman Plank, Renesha Chandler, Tiara Woody, Sally Thomas (administrative assistant), and Stephanie Ryalls (accounts coordinator); back – Wick principal Debbie Juriga, Jamal Kent, and Bob Stone (plant manager).

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Board Resolutions Acknowledge Retirees' Career Highlights



Among those who attended the Board of Education's August 8 ceremony honoring 19 Romulus Community Schools retirees were (from left) Christine Powers, Laura Smith, Cynthia Price, Candace Walters, Sharon Silveri, and Sandra Slater.



Additional "retirement resolution" honorees included (from left) Joyce Bujak, Rosalie Berlinn, Carol Pastrick, Mary Ann Bush, and – accepting for Mary Mahon – daughters Lisa Staten and Heather Mahon, and granddaughter Kailah.

On Monday, August 8, the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education honored 19 recent retirees with personalized resolutions of appreciation that enumerated many highlights of their decades-long careers.

Retirees acknowledged for their dedication and achievements were:

Rosalie Berlinn

During the course of her 29 years of service with the district, Rosalie Berlinn worked as a crossing guard, paraprofessional, and library aide in various assignments at Romulus High School and Barth, Wick, Halecreek, Merriman, Cory, and Hayti elementaries.

Berlinn earned the respect of students, parents, staff, and the community for giving caring, individual attention to students. She was praised for the extra time she gave to organizations such as the Band Boosters, Athletic Boosters, Brownies and Girl Scouts troops, and the Merriman PTA, and was additionally commended for receiving the Romulus Area Council Recognition Award for her outstanding service to district PTAs. Berlinn was further honored for her contributions to the School Improvement Team and to special events such as commencements, senior proms, Homecoming Week activities, and leadership camps. Also noted was her diligent support of every district bond and millage program.

Berlinn "dedicated her spirit and very best efforts to help make the Romulus Community Schools the outstanding school district it is today," and will be truly missed.

Joyce Bujak

Joyce Bujak retired after a distinguished 36-year career of teaching science, chemistry, and mathematics at South Junior High School and Romulus High School.

Bujak was commended for the many important contributions she made to the district's NCA and School Improvement

teams, and for her work as the Mathematics Department head at RHS. She was also recognized for the "outstanding leadership she provided to the Romulus High School Mathematics Department" and for her "positive impact on both students and staff." Bujak was additionally acknowledged for her service to the Climate, PEACE, and Mathematics Textbook Selection committees, as well as her work on graduation ceremonies, Curriculum Night events, and summer leadership camps. Her "dedication to excellence" and her "outstanding communications with students, parents, teachers, and administrators" were also lauded.

Mary Ann Bush

Mary Ann Bush – an elementary teacher and resource teacher at Harrison, Cory, Wick, Beverly, Merriman, Halecreek, and Barth elementaries, as well as Romulus Middle School – has retired after 30 years with the Romulus Community Schools.

Bush was commended for her outstanding work as coordinator of the state-mandated Special Education Assessment and the Gifted and Talented programs. She was also recognized for her contributions to the MEAP Testing and Mainstreaming committees. Bush was additionally cited for her work as a mentor to new Romulus teachers, and was further praised as "a master teacher who established structure and developed procedures that helped her meet the needs of her students."

Vera Otis Fields

Vera Otis Fields has retired after a 30-year teaching career with the Romulus Community Schools. During her time with the district, she was assigned to the Mt. Pleasant, Halecreek, Hayti, Barth, Wick, and Romulus Elementary schools, as well as the Beacon Day Treatment Center and Romulus Middle School.

Otis Fields was commended for her "enthusiasm and good relationships with

parents," for the "exciting and interactive ways she found to highlight the value of reading," and for the "significant amount of extra time she spent after school to work on lessons that motivated students." She was also recognized for her frequent perfect attendance records and for her work on the Language Arts and Discipline committees. Otis Fields was additionally lauded for her many important contributions to the School Improvement Team, and for extending herself on extra activities such as the Christmas Bazaar and various activity night, open house, and new-teacher orientation programs.

Marjorie Gail Fraley

Art specialist/teacher Marjorie Gail Fraley has retired after 30 years of service. Her assignment areas included Halecreek, Cory, Hayti, and Wick elementaries, as well as the district's junior high, middle, and high schools.

Fraley was commended for the outstanding artwork that her students produced and exhibited at various district buildings, the Romulus Public Library, and Wendy's restaurants. She was also lauded for her exemplary yearbook publications at Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School, and for receiving a national award of excellence for the RMS Yearbook for 2005. Fraley was additionally recognized for supervising after-school events such as school fairs, dances, athletic events, Homecoming Week activities, commencements, and student trips. She was further praised for her work as a Senior Class advisor and her support of community-service activities such as the March of Dimes Walk-America, senior-citizen Christmas programs, and a clothing drive for a homeless family in need.

Gloria Harvey

Gloria Harvey worked as a bus driver and custodian for 23 years. Her custodial assignments included Romulus High School, Wick Elementary, and Barth

Elementary, where she was the head custodian.

Harvey was commended for her perfect attendance records and her excellent bus driver safety records, as well as her frequent evaluations for "consistently exceeding her job standards." She was also recognized for her outstanding custodial work at graduation ceremonies. Harvey was additionally praised for "taking initiative in her work area" and for "showing great pride in cleaning and maintaining her work areas."

Melvin Kimbrough

Melvin Kimbrough enjoyed a distinguished 32-year career with the Romulus Community Schools. During his time with the district, he taught mathematics, art, social studies, English, and industrial technology, and also served as an assistant principal at Romulus High School and principal at Romulus Middle School.

Kimbrough was commended for his "consistently positive and professional relationships with students, parents, and staff members." He was recognized for his strong leadership as the Industrial Technology Strand leader and for the excellent job he did supervising many after-school activities, including athletic events, musical performances, and awards programs. Kimbrough was additionally lauded for his work as an assistant coach for the softball and track programs, and for the "great pride he showed in his work as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal."

Donald Kobane

Donald Kobane retired after 28 years as a special-education teacher. He worked at Romulus High School, North Junior High School, and Gordonier Elementary as a resource-room and marketing teacher, and concluded his career as the work-study coordinator at RHS.

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Kobane was commended for his leadership on the School Improvement Team and his coordination of the district's special-education and vocational programs. He was additionally recognized for his outstanding mentorship of new teachers and for his frequent perfect attendance records. Kobane was further praised for his work on the Summer Special Education Project, the Attendance Review Committee, and the Effective Education Workshop. His effective and dedicated service as coach of the RHS JV and North Junior High softball teams was also acknowledged.

Mary Mahon

Mary Mahon served the district as a bus driver for 28 years. She was commended for her impressive safety record and outstanding job evaluations that praised her for "consistently exceeding her job standards." She was also recognized for "fostering community support and understanding for the important job of transporting Romulus children by maintaining excellent relationships with students, parents, and district employees." Mahon was lauded for her "conscientious, trustworthy, and reliable work ethic." It was further noted that she was well liked and held in high esteem by her colleagues.

Carol Pastrick

During Carol Pastrick's 27-year career with the Romulus Community Schools, she taught mathematics and English at Romulus Middle School and business classes at the Junior High and High School.

Pastrick was recognized for her important contributions to the NCA and School Improvement teams and the Mathematics Curriculum Committee. She was also commended for giving her own time to work on after-school activities such as tutoring, BOEC competitions, and Girls' Sleepover Night programs. Pastrick – who was held in high esteem by her colleagues – was further lauded for her "dedication to her students" and for doing "everything she could to provide the very best education to all her students."

Christine Powers

Christine Powers retired after a distinguished 36-year career as a teacher and building administrator. She taught at Wick, Barth, Merriman, and Hayti elementaries as well as Romulus Middle School, and also served as assistant principal at RMS.

Powers was recognized for contributions she made in leadership positions such as Physical Education Department head and Secondary Science Strand leader. She was commended for organizing Outdoor Education programs and the district-wide Elementary Track & Field Day programs. Powers was additionally lauded for work on professional

development, employee assistance, and employee recognition programs, as well as for her coordination of the Summer Youth Employment Program. Her service as president of both the Romulus Education Association and the Romulus Association of School Administrators was also noted.

Cynthia Price

During her 30 years as an elementary teacher for the Romulus Community Schools, Cynthia Price worked at Mt. Pleasant, Wick, Barth, Merriman, Halecreek, and Cory schools.

Price was commended as a "master teacher who demonstrates leadership in district-wide meetings, and who spends a great deal of time and effort both before and after school, preparing special lessons for her students." She was also recognized for her outstanding work on the School Improvement Team as well as her contributions to the Promotion and Retention, Social Studies Curriculum, and Science Textbook Selection committees. Price was additionally acknowledged for her frequent perfect attendance records, and was lauded for her work as Student Services Coordinator at Cory Elementary and her mentorship of new district teachers.

Sharon Silveri

Sharon Silveri retired from the Romulus school district after a distinguished 36-year career in education. Before serving as principal of Halecreek Elementary, she held teaching assignments at Hayti and Merriman elementary schools, and was also a learning specialist at Merriman.

Silveri was commended as a "master teacher who has excellent relationships with students and parents" and a "staff leader who is an extremely gifted teacher." She was also recognized for her important contributions to the NCA and School Improvement teams, and for her work on the Positive Discipline, Climate, and PEACE committees. Silveri was additionally lauded for her exemplary work mentoring both student teachers and teachers new to the Romulus Community Schools, and was further praised for the excellent job she did as the district's Kindergarten Strand leader.

Sandra Slater

Retiree Sandra Slater taught for 28 years at Romulus Junior High and Romulus High School as well as Hayti, Halecreek, Cory, Wick, Barth, and Romulus elementaries.

Slater was recognized for the extra time she gave to work on events such as the Spring Fair, Science Night, and Reading Month, and for her many contributions to the Elementary Science, Multicultural, and Romulus Elementary Opening of School committees. She was also commended for her work on the School Improvement and Planning teams. Slater was additionally lauded

for the outstanding Safety Squad and Student Council groups she supervised. Her excellent work as a mentor to student teachers and new teachers was also acknowledged.

Laura Smith

Laura Smith retired after 30 years of teaching at the Beacon Day Treatment Center, Romulus Middle School, and Beverly, Cory, Barth, and Merriman elementaries.

Smith was recognized for her active participation with the NCA and School Improvement teams. She was additionally commended for her frequent perfect attendance records, for winning an Eisenhower Mini-grant, and for the many colorful multicultural exhibits that her students prepared. Lauded for being "a dedicated professional who spends long hours planning in order to present a positive, task-oriented class environment for her students," Smith was also praised for her "impressive leadership with after-school activities," her "excellent rapport with students, parents, and staff," and her "personal enthusiasm and positive attitude that makes learning enjoyable for all her students."

Thomas Tiplady

Special-education teacher Thomas Tiplady has retired after 36 years of service to the Romulus Community Schools. During his time with the district, he taught at Beacon Day Treatment Center, Special Services, and Gordonier, Mt. Pleasant, and Cory elementary schools. He was the director of the first Alternative High School, and concluded his career at Romulus High.

Tiplady was commended for the inspiration he provided to his colleagues throughout his career. He was additionally lauded for the excellent work he did with the most challenging students. Tiplady's work promoting and facilitating professional development programs was also recognized, as were the many contributions he made to the School Improvement Team. He was further praised for his "excellent rapport with students" and for the "individualized lesson plans he developed to challenge and encourage his students."

Jean Voight

For 26 years, Jean Voight worked for the Romulus Community Schools, first as a cafeteria cook and then as a security guard at Romulus High School.

Voight, who eventually became the head security guard at RHS, was commended for her work that "went far beyond her job classification," establishing positive relationships with students and having a "major impact on the Senior High School environment." She was also recognized for her "excellent job of operating the Halecreek Food Service Program." Voight was praised by administrators for her work supervising evening programs such as band concerts, choir

concerts, and dance recitals, as well as athletic events, Senior All-night Party programs, ninth-grade orientations, and graduation programs. She was additionally noted for "being held in high esteem and respected by Senior High students and staff members," and for her "outstanding work as a security guard."

Candace Walters

Candace Walters retired after a 35-year career as an elementary teacher and literacy coach at Beverly, Cory, and Halecreek elementary schools.

Walters was commended for becoming the first Romulus teacher to achieve the coveted National Certification designation. She was also praised as a "master teacher and teaching staff leader who consistently exceeds the district's standards; has high expectations of her students, interns, and herself; and maintains an excellent relationship with her students' parents." Walters was additionally lauded for serving on the Reading, Science, and Mathematics Textbook Selection committees, and attending summer workshops such as the Compensatory Education Seminar, the High Scope Curriculum Training Program, and August strategic planning sessions. Her excellence as a mentor for new teachers, as well as her many important contributions to the Elementary Report Card Committee and the District Language Arts Guide, were also acknowledged.

Phyllis Wilkerson

Home economics and life management teacher Phyllis Wilkerson has retired after a highly distinguished 28-year career at Romulus High School.

Wilkerson was commended for her 1990 Michigan Home Economics Teacher of the Year Award, as well as for the Friends of Eastern Michigan University Award that honored her for her "exemplary work in career and technical education, and for serving as president of the Michigan Home Economic Educators' Association." She was also recognized for presentations to the Michigan House of Representatives and the U.S. House of Representatives that resulted in appropriations of over \$23 million for the education of new parents. Wilkerson's consistent support of and work on the district's bond and millage programs was acknowledged, and she was additionally lauded for her contributions as the head of the School Improvement Team. The School Board further noted her work on graduation, Homecoming Week, and Senior Awards Night programs, National Honor Society induction ceremonies, and DECA regional competitions, and honored her for "being a hard-working, dedicated teacher who won the respect and appreciation of students, peers, administrators, and the community." □

District Announces Policy for Free and Reduced-price Meals

INCOME SCALE FOR FREE MEALS/FREE MILK

Total Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$12,441	\$1,037	\$ 519	\$ 479	\$240
2	\$16,679	\$1,390	\$ 695	\$ 642	\$321
3	\$20,917	\$1,744	\$ 872	\$ 805	\$403
4	\$25,155	\$2,097	\$1,049	\$ 968	\$484
5	\$29,393	\$2,450	\$1,225	\$1,131	\$566
6	\$33,631	\$2,803	\$1,402	\$1,294	\$647
7	\$37,869	\$3,156	\$1,578	\$1,457	\$729
8	\$42,107	\$3,509	\$1,755	\$1,620	\$810
*	\$ 4,238	\$ 354	\$ 177	\$ 163	\$ 82

*For each additional household member, add this amount.

INCOME SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Total Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$17,705	\$1,476	\$ 738	\$ 681	\$ 341
2	\$23,736	\$1,978	\$ 989	\$ 913	\$ 457
3	\$29,767	\$2,481	\$1,241	\$1,145	\$ 573
4	\$35,798	\$2,984	\$1,492	\$1,377	\$ 689
5	\$41,829	\$3,486	\$1,743	\$1,609	\$ 805
6	\$47,860	\$3,989	\$1,995	\$1,841	\$ 921
7	\$53,891	\$4,491	\$2,246	\$2,073	\$1,037
8	\$59,922	\$4,994	\$2,497	\$2,305	\$1,153
*	\$ 6,031	\$ 503	\$ 252	\$ 232	\$ 116

*For each additional household member, add this amount.

The Romulus Community Schools has announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. The charts above specify the household size and income criteria that will be used for determining eligibility. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced-price meals.

An application form is being sent to each home. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, a household should fill out the form and return it to the school. Additional copies of the application form are available in the principal's office at each school. Applicants should answer all questions on the form.

Non-Food Stamps Households: In order for the school to process the application, it must contain all of the following information:

- the total income, by source (such as wages, child support, etc.), for each household member;
- the names of all household members;

- the signature of an adult household member; and
- the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application.

Food Stamps/FIP/FDPIR Households: If you currently receive Food Stamps, Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) benefits for your child, you only have to list your child's name and Food Stamps or FIP/FDPIR case number and sign the application.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility, verifying data, or qualifying children for other federal and state programs, as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture. The school or other officials may verify applications at any time during the school year.

Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible, but has a decrease in household income or

an increase in household size, or if a household member becomes unemployed, the household should fill out an application at that time.

In most cases, **foster children** are eligible for these benefits regardless of the household's income. If a household has foster children, and wishes to apply for free or reduced-price meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information. Under the provisions of the policy, each school's principal will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. The household also has the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by writing (or calling) the following official: Mr. William A. Routhier, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174 (734-532-1600).

Any interested party may review a copy of the complete policy at any school building or at the district's administrative office (36540 Grant Road).

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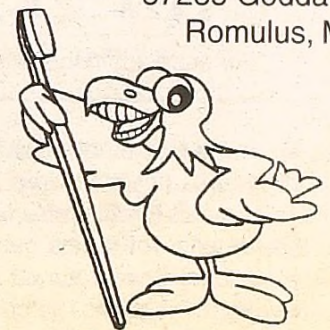
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Continued sweltering weather may make it hard to believe, but it's true: the end of summer is near. Fortunately, Romulus-area residents can finish the season off with a bang by attending the 55th annual St. Aloysius Festival.

Everyone is invited to take part in this "local institution," which will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Friday, August 26, from 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, August 27, from 1 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, August 28, from 12 to 7 p.m. (See the advertisement at left for directions to the festival site.)

Highlights will include:

Las Vegas Tent To Feature Texas Hold 'Em

For many festival-goers, one of the biggest attractions is the Las Vegas Tent, where adults (age 18 and older) can try their luck at games of chance like the wildly popular Texas Hold 'Em as well as 7-card Stud and Black Jack.

The Las Vegas Tent will be open throughout the festival.

Bingo!

For diehard bingo fans, a festival just isn't a festival without a chance to indulge in their favorite pastime - and, luckily for them, the St. Aloysius Festival will again feature play throughout the entire weekend. Cards for the 50/50 games (half the income collected from each game is used for prize money) are two for a quarter per game.

Raffles

Of course, the easiest way to try your luck is to invest in raffle tickets. Ticket-buyers can choose between the 50/50 Hourly Raffle (tickets - \$1 each or 6 for \$5; cash prizes equal half the money garnered from each hour's sales) or the Grand Raffle (tickets - \$1 each or 6 for \$5; three large prizes - \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$500).

Better yet, since the proceeds from all raffles benefit the St. Aloysius General Fund, why not buy plenty of each?

Carnival Rides

What's a festival without rides? Fortunately, the St. Aloysius Festival will offer enough of them to satisfy your kids' biggest carnival cravings. Among this year's attractions will be the Ferris wheel, Tilt-a-Whirl, Scrambler, and Heart.

"Armband" tickets, which allow patrons to ride as many rides as they wish during a certain time period for one low price, may be purchased in advance (\$10 each) at the rectory office, after Sunday masses (10 a.m. and 12 p.m.), at Dave's & Company Barber Shop & Hair Salon (37148 Goddard Road), or at Blue Sky Ice Cream & Hamburgers (15155 South Huron River Drive). The tickets will also be available at the festival for \$15 each.

Scheduled "armband" periods are:

- Friday from 6 to 11 p.m.
- Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.
- Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m.
- Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Dog Show

New this year will be a dog show, scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp. Advance sign-up is encouraged, but not required. To register, please call Gloria (734-941-5848) or stop by the Grand Raffle booth on Friday evening. Registration fee is \$5 per dog for up to three competition categories, or \$10 for all ten. Categories will include: Most EARS-resistible, Best Wag, Best Trick, Most Obedient, Best Smile, Best Kisser, Best Eyes, Best Dressed, Most Vocal, and "Most Look-alike" (strongest resemblance between dog and owner).

All dogs must be leashed or crated, and owners are required to clean up after their pets. St. Aloysius does not assume any liability in the event of an accident or other misfortune involving dogs, their owners, or spectators.

Entertainment

Music will again be the backbone of the entertainment at the festival. Among the scheduled performers:

- **The Other Guys** (Friday, 7 to 11 p.m.)
- **Golden Oldies DJ** (Saturday, 1:30 to 5 p.m.)
- **Channel 6** (Saturday, 7 to 11 p.m.)
- **Misty Blues** (all day Sunday beginning with an 11 a.m. Polka Mass)

Other entertainment offerings will include a **Horseshoe Tournament** (Saturday from 3 p.m. until dusk and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.; preregister by calling 734-941-5848), a **Classic Car Show** (Saturday; registration begins at 10 a.m.), a **Dunk Tank** (open throughout the festival), and a **Games/Arcade Area** (open throughout the festival).

Crafts/White Elephant Sale

Numerous eight-foot tables will be covered with everything from Christmas gifts to baked goods. It's a great way to get a jump on your holiday shopping!

Food ...

Of course, there will be plenty of delicious food! Visit the Dining Room on Friday between 5 and 8 p.m. for a delicious **Spaghetti Dinner** and on Saturday from 3 to 7 p.m. (or until sold out) for a **Steak Fry Feast**, then come back on Sunday between noon and 5 p.m. (or until sold out) for an old-fashioned **Chicken Dinner** with all the trimmings.

Tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner are \$6 for adults/\$3 for children 10 and under; Steak Fry tickets are \$8 each; and Chicken Dinner tickets are \$8 for adults/\$4 for children.

For more "traditional" carnival fare, stop by **Hamburger Villa** for hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, pizza, chips, coffee, pop, and other refreshments.

... and Drink

This year's **Spirit Tent** will serve chips, pretzels, pop, and nonalcoholic "beer" in addition to wine, wine coolers, and beer by the pitcher and the cup.

Of course, you must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcohol. □

Romulus Summer School Program Was Big Success

The Romulus Community Schools Summer School program was a big success, according to district spokesperson Dick Kruse. A total of 181 students – 110 high-schoolers and 71 middle-schoolers, including a large group from Belleville – took part in the program, which was held at Romulus Middle School.

District Athletics Department director Mark Woodson, who served as Summer School principal, was pleased with both the excellent attendance and the outstanding progress shown by his students.

"We only allowed three absences for the summer, and most of the stu-

dents didn't use them," said Woodson. "We also had an excellent staff that really helped keep discipline problems to a minimum, and teachers reported that many of their students did their work and received good grades," he added.

The middle-school students concentrated on math and language-arts classes, while senior-high students were able to take courses such as integrated technology, biology, physical science, English, government/world affairs, history/economics, geometry, algebra, applied math, and math connections.

For photos of these and other district summer programs, see page 15. □

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Local Seniors Win 10 Medals at Annual Downriver Olympics

Romulus senior citizens had a great time participating in the annual Downriver Senior Olympics, hosted by Woodhaven the week of August 1-5. Altogether, locals won 10 medals in a variety of events. The medalists included:

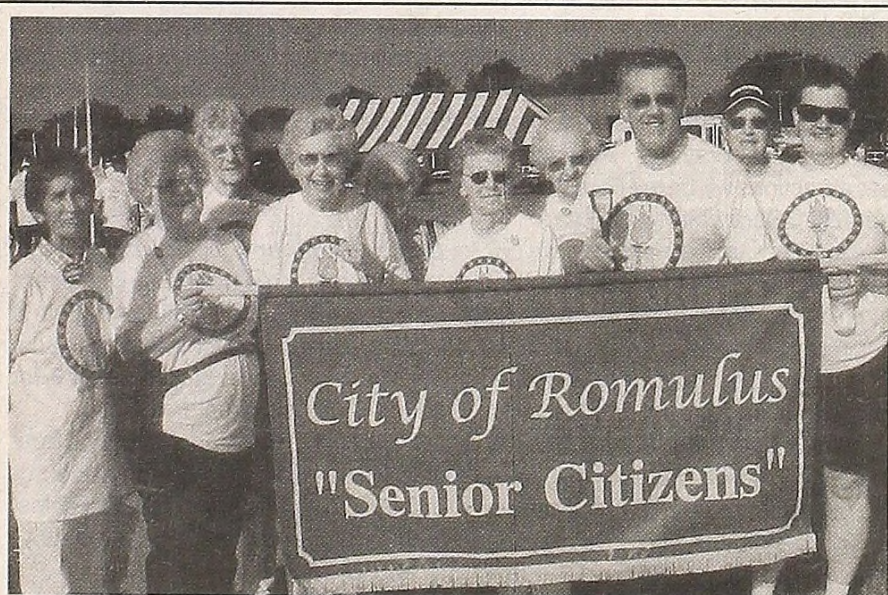
- Kenneth Berlin (bronze medal, golf – best ball scramble)
- Ruth Bierl (gold medal, pinochle)
- Helen Carroll (bronze medal, frisbee toss)
- Mickey Durham (silver medal, horse-shoes; bronze medal, football toss; bronze medal, bocce ball)

- JoAnn Hewitt, (gold medal, bocce ball; gold medal, bowling)
- Eileen James (bronze medal, darts)
- Katherine McCraight (silver medal, darts)

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, who attended the opening ceremony, congratulated the participants.

"We are very proud of our senior citizens," said Lambert. "They stay very active in our community, and enjoy vibrant lifestyles and friendly competition."

"Congratulations to all of our participants," he added.



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (third from right) joined Romulus senior citizens at the opening ceremonies of the annual Downriver Senior Olympics, held in Woodhaven August 1-5. Pictured with him are (from left) front – Angie Snyder, Helen Carroll, Eileen James, Doll Wands, and JoAnn Hewitt; back – Mickey Durham, Sandy Bell, Katie McCraight, and Paul Dorman.

Capitol Update

Summer Power Outages Investigated

By State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood, 22nd District

This summer, the cities of Romulus and Taylor have experienced instances of blackouts and low-voltage problems. In light of increased complaints, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has ordered that Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy file reports (by November 1) that include a detailed review of outages in areas experiencing frequent problems, and plans for necessary improvements.

Romulus is one of the areas under review.

Residents of Romulus or Taylor who are experiencing frequent power outages or low-voltage problems should feel free to call my office (517-373-0852) to express their concerns.

Detroit River International Crossing Update

As part of the continuing process for exploring the possibility of a new Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC), the Michigan Department of Transportation has started preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a

new or expanded crossing. A scoping document (prepared in July) provides project background, describes alternatives under consideration, and summarizes the issues and public involvement activities to date.

MDOT has scheduled a meeting to seek comments on the scoping document. The meeting – to be held in the Ambassador Room of Cobo Hall (Detroit) on August 31 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. – will provide the opportunity for federal, state, and local agencies to comment on the project as it relates to specific areas of concern, mitigation/permitting requirements, and methodologies for impact assessment. The public is welcome to attend.

The public can also comment on the scoping process by submitting remarks via mail (DRIC Study, Bureau of Transportation Planning, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909), fax (517-373-9255), or the project's Website (www.partnershipborderstudy.com). The scoping document and additional information can also be found on the Website. □



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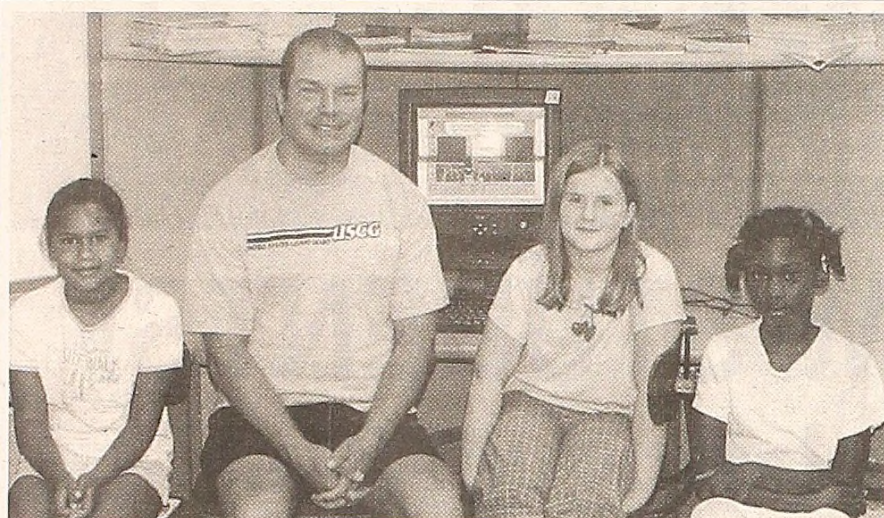
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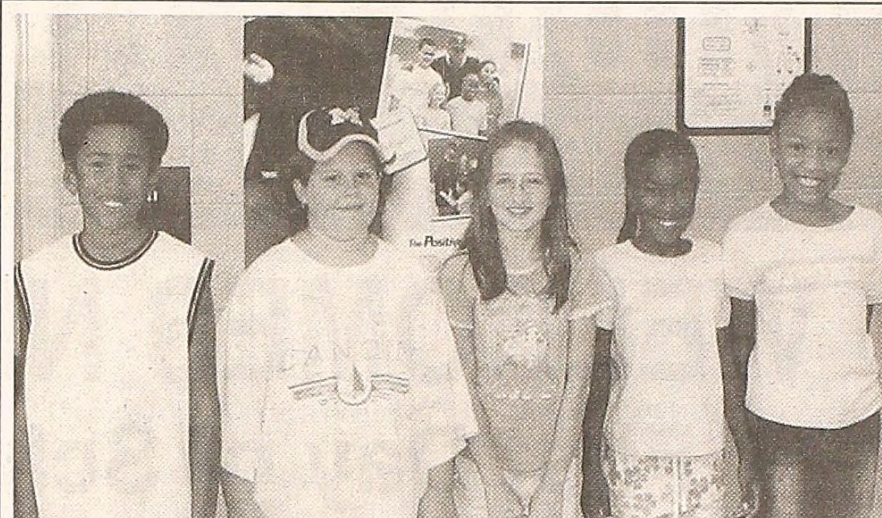
Donors of \$500 or more will be recognized on a memorial plaque.

Donors of \$25 or more will be recognized in a "book of friends."

Summer School



Rob Baty (second from left), a new teacher at Cory Elementary, got to know students like (from left) Ashley Bennett, Misty Briscoe, and Yania Yharbrough during the school's Summer MEAP Academy.



(From left) Quinton Gernolls, Hannah Williams, Kylee Johnson, Brea Burton, and Indigo Carr were among many Boys & Girls Club members who enjoyed plenty of summer fun at the club's Wick Elementary site.



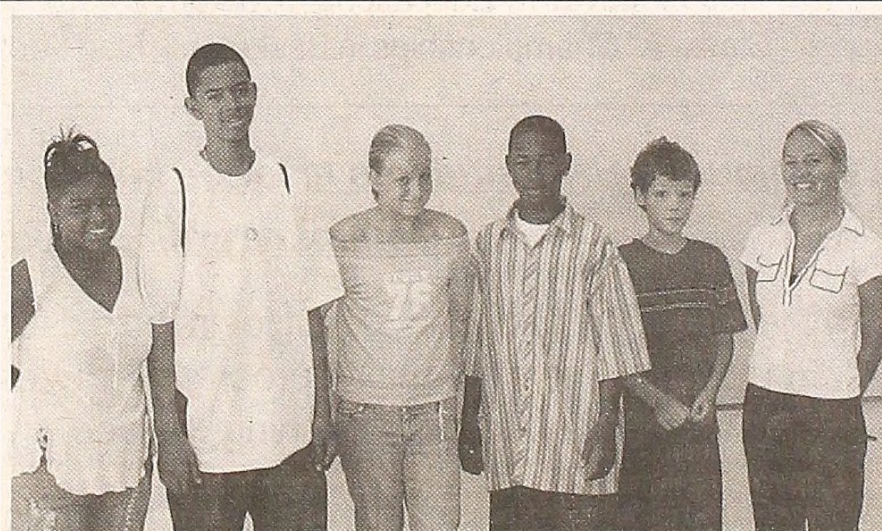
Wick Elementary's Summer MEAP Academy students – including (front, from left) Brandon Sealie, Cody Householder, Demetrius Litsey, and Jerrod Horton – used laptop computers for some of their lessons. (Also pictured: Sarah Daniels, left, and Shavonna Johnson, fourth-grade teacher at Wick.)



High-school students attending a summer-school integrated technology class taught by David Cooper (back, left) included: (from left) front – Natalie Diaz, Latasha Wells, Dustin Armstrong, Drake Rhodes, and Justin Flake*; back – D'Anthony Carroll, Michael Curry, Josh Rice*, Kevin Karjala*, and Maara Puckett*. **Belleville students*



Students who took part in a middle-school language-arts class included: (from left) front – Tashia Pace*, Deondre Beckon, Chyna Bennett, and Austin Qualkenbush*; back – Jon Durtka*, John Curtis*, Charles Hardy, Anthony Wallace*, and David Miller. **Belleville students*



Rachel Jager (right), who teaches math at Belleville High School during the regular school year, taught a middle-school math class for students like (from left) Peggy Minks, Cortavious Thomas, Casey Curtis*, Chas Shinn, and Tony Polzin*. **Belleville students*

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- small classes that meet in 1½-hour blocks
- an emphasis on applied academics, career connections, and technical/vocational training
- extensive computer technology integrated into each academic area

Community High special awards include:

- finalist for "School of the Year" (Michigan Alternative Education Organization)
- "2005 Excellence Award" (Michigan Association of School Boards)
- "Transitions Accreditation as a Special Purpose School" (North Central Association)
- "2005 Innovative Educational Program Award" (Michigan Alternative Education Organization)
- Class "A" Championships in Basketball, Flag Football, and Chess (State Alternative Athletic Association)

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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 25, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 25, 2005, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/05/24 Moved by Lenossi supported by Roscoe to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

7/05/25 Moved by Lenossi supported by Roscoe that the Board approve the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of July 11, 2005, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/05/26 Moved by Buckley supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2005, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

7/05/27 Moved by Lenossi supported by Roscoe that the Board adopt resolutions of commendation for the following retirees for their years of service to the Romulus Community Schools: William Barnes, 36 years; Ronald Bayes, 35 years; Wendy Blohm, 32 years; Cheryle Brackney, 36 years; Gretchen Firestone, 30 years; Barbara Jaszcz, 32 years; Christine Julvezan, 28 years; Charles Kidwell, 36 years; Cathleen Kudra, 32 years; Howard Miller, 32 years; Kathryn Motyka, 34 years; Joseph Murphy, 31 years; Nancy O'Connor, 30 years; Sam Olive, 33 years; and Marge Olson, 32 years. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Melika Dixon, Language Arts Teacher, Romulus Middle School, effective August 29, 2005; and Jessika Sorg, Language Arts Teacher, Romulus Middle School, Effective August 29, 2005.

7/05/28 Moved by Buckley supported by Mientkiewicz to accept the employment of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Debra Brubaker, Child Care Leave, Second-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary School Effective August 29, 2005 through June 16, 2006.

7/05/29 Moved by White supported by Kuderik to approve a Leave of Absence of Personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Appointment of Board Member Committees

President Frayer appointed Board committees as follows:

- **Finance** – Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, and Thomas Kuderik
- **Policy** – Celeste Roscoe, Cheryle Buckley, and Betty Lenossi
- **Personnel** – Thomas Kuderik, Cheryle Buckley, and Kenneth Mientkiewicz

Serving on other committees: Healthy Living – Cheryle Buckley; Early Childhood Development – Betty Lenossi; Climate – Betty Lenossi and Celeste Roscoe; Technology – Thomas Kuderik; and School/Community – Kenneth Mientkiewicz.

Michigan Association of School Boards Delegates

Voting Delegates for 2005 MASB – Niema White, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik. Alternates – Celeste Roscoe and Kenneth Mientkiewicz.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Ms. Lorrie Greer appeared before the Board of Education to present a communication under Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, Public Act No. 442 of 1976, as amended. Although Superintendent Carr responded to questions as outlined, he further stated that questions would be answered again in writing, as requested.

Ms. Cynthia Harris asked about Board meetings being live, requested that the agendas be posted on cable TV prior to meetings, and also asked the district to post Board meeting broadcast dates and times on cable.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Merriman Elementary School Year-end Report; 2) Romulus Elementary School Year-end Report; and 3) Wick Elementary School Year-end Report.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. April Frayer commented about reading year-end reports and all the good things going on at our schools. She congratulated Wick Elementary for improvement on state and national tests. Mrs. Niema White questioned the cleanup of down branches at Romulus Elementary School. Mrs. Betty Lenossi asked that a resolution for Matthew McGrane be written and presented to his family. All Board members were in concurrence that this should be done. Mrs. Lenossi complimented the appearance of the High School and grounds and the work being done around the trees. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz asked about the technology class at the Middle School, and if there was any change the Middle School curriculum. He also talked about hiring staff and staying in district guidelines on the number of retirees that will not be replaced. Mr. Mientkiewicz further mentioned a tree that was down at the High School baseball field.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/05/30 Moved by White supported by Lenossi to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

Community High Among Top Alternative Schools in State

Community High School – an alternative high school for students ages 16 to 19 – has been recognized as one of the top alternative schools in Michigan, according to Romulus Community Schools spokesperson Dick Kruse.

"Community High has an outstanding staff, outstanding facilities, and unique educational programs that provide a second chance for students who have not had success in a traditional educational setting," he stated.

Kruse said that Community High is staffed by state-certified, highly qualified teachers who go the extra mile to help their students flourish.

"Their dedication to teaching and learning has utilized creative alternative teaching strategies that significantly raised retention and graduation rates at the school," he noted, adding, "Over 85% of graduating seniors continue with post-secondary education programs."

Al Wilkerson, principal of Community High, is very proud of his school's innovative programs that give students a second, third, and even fourth chance to discover successful tracks to graduation. He says the school's quarterly enrollment system is user-friendly, and allows students to adjust to temporary difficulties they may experience.

Wilkerson also explained that Community High's dual enrollment classes with Wayne County Community College provide an opportunity for students to earn college credits and become familiar with post-secondary educational careers.

Community High was recently honored with the prestigious North Central

Association (NCA) "Accredited Special Purpose School" designation, and has earned additional awards that include:

- an Educational Excellence Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards,
- an Innovative Educational Program Component Award from the Michigan Alternative Education Organization, and
- a 2005 finalist designation for the Michigan Alternative Education Organization's "School of the Year" Award.

Principal Wilkerson is especially excited about the new Ford Partnership for Advanced Studies that Romulus Community High School will offer this fall.

"This program will give our students some exceptional learning opportunities that could lead to good paying jobs with Ford, and will definitely give them something to look forward to," said Wilkerson.

Also among the school's points of pride are the success stories of its athletics teams, which have won State Alternative Athletic Association championships in flag football and basketball in recent years. The CHS chess team has also won a state championship.

"Student participation in these programs is outstanding, and helps provide a strong incentive for their success in the classroom," Wilkerson concluded.

This year's student enrollment period will be from Monday, August 15, through Tuesday, September 6. See the advertisement on page 16 for further details, or call 734-532-1955. □

Student Book Featured Kindergartners



Romulus High School student Donald Brewer, once a student in Halecreek kindergarten teacher Cathy Kudra's class, wrote a book about Kudra's most recent students for his senior project. He visited Kudra's class, talked to the students, and made sketches of them, then wrote a story about a magician who changed the children into animals as part of his magic show. When Brewer later returned to read his story, it was a big hit.

Romulus Community Schools CALENDAR FOR THE 2005–2006 SCHOOL YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER

W	August 31	First Day of School (Full Day of Classes)
F	September 2	No School
M	September 5	Labor Day – No School
Tu	September 6	No School for Students; Full Day for Staff (Professional Development)
W	September 7	Classes Resume
W	September 21	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools (Professional Development)
Th	October 20	Half Day of School for All Schools (Professional Development)
Th	October 27	Parent Conferences at Romulus High School (3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.)
F	November 4	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools (Assessments/End of First Marking Period)
Th	November 10	Parent Conferences at All Elementary Schools (4:30 to 8 p.m.)
Tu	November 15	Parent Conferences at All Elementary Schools (4:30 to 8 p.m.)
W	November 16	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools (Professional Development)
W	November 16	Parent Conferences at Romulus Middle School (3 to 6 p.m.)
Th	November 17	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools (Professional Development)
Tu	November 22	Parent Conferences at Romulus Middle School (5 to 8 p.m.)
Th	November 24	Thanksgiving Day – No School
F	November 25	No School
M	November 28	Classes Resume
Tu	December 6	Half Day of School for All Schools (Professional Development)
F	December 16	Winter Recess Begins at the End of the Day
M	January 2	Classes Resume
M	January 16	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Tu	January 24	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
W	January 25	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
Th	January 26	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
F	January 27	Records Day – End of First Semester – No School

SECOND SEMESTER

M	January 30	Second Semester Begins
Th	February 9	Parent Conferences at Romulus Middle School (3 to 7 p.m.)
F	February 10	Half Day of School for All Schools (Professional Development)
Th	February 23	Mid-Winter Break – No School
F	February 24	Mid-Winter Break – No School
M	February 27	Mid-Winter Break – No School
Tu	February 28	Classes Resume
Tu	March 7	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools (Professional Development)
Th	March 9	Parent Conferences at All Elementary Schools (5 to 8 p.m.)
Th	March 9	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools (Professional Development)
Th	March 23	Parent Conferences at Romulus High School (3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.)
F	April 7	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools (Assessments/End of Third Marking Period)
F	April 14	Good Friday – Spring Break Begins – No School
M	April 24	Classes Resume
M	May 29	Memorial Day – No School
Tu	June 13	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
W	June 14	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
Th	June 15	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
Th	June 15	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools (Assessments)
F	June 16	Records Day – End of Second Semester – No School

Summer Sports Camp



Jason Kahler (second row, left), head coach of the Romulus High School lacrosse team, was one of many district coaches and physical-education teachers who donated their time to conduct a summer sports camp.



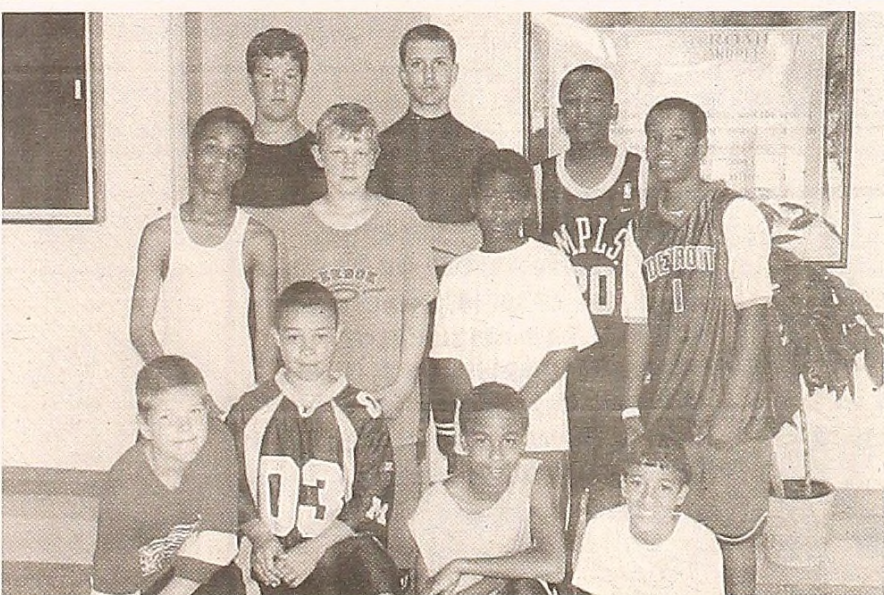
Among the girls who attended the cheerleading session were: (from left) front – Ana Holton, Alicia Adams, Brooke Waldon, and Lauren Kelsaw; back – Nistosha Rhea and Ashlee Wells.



Bill Baum (back), physical-education teacher at Romulus Elementary, worked the soccer session with: (from left) front – Anton Hayes, Gevencio Tooson, Brianna Madison, Benjamin Williams, Derrick Williams, and Alec Madison; back – Victoria Lewis, Lauren Kelsaw, Kaylan Robb, Macee Logerstedt, and Julie Rollins.



RHS track star Daniel Kinney (back), Division I state champion in the 110-meter hurdles, worked on hurdling techniques with students like: (from left) front – Maurice Murphy and Johnny Adams; back – William Bonam, Jordan Wright, Macee Logerstedt, Alicia Adams, Dijon Dudley, and Everett Milspaugh.



(Back, from left) RHS wrestlers Dean Burcroff and Patrick Sutter worked with wrestling camp attendees like: (from left) front – Christopher Brennan, Alec Madison, Ben Williams, and Gary Logerstedt; back – Derrick Williams, Ben Satterlee, Anton Hayes, David Gulley II, and Maurice Murphy.



RHS softball coach Jennifer Slyman (back, right) and Mega League All-Star catcher Katie Hale (back, left) worked with: (from left) front – Olivia Madison, Chelsea Shellman, Alicia Adams, Jennifer Workman, Hannah Satterlee, and Gabrielle Miller; back – Alexandria Harrington.



Mother and baby match-up

See if you can match up the mothers with their offspring. Draw a line to connect each pair.

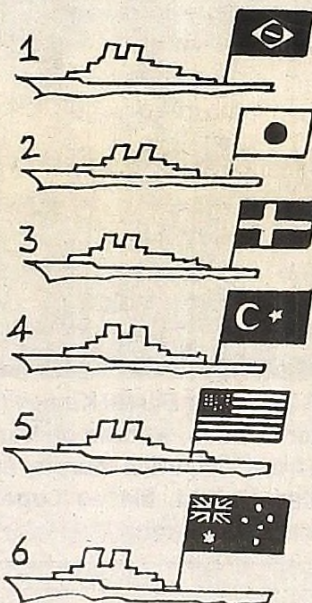
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| 1. Camel | A. Fry |
| 2. Fish | B. Kit |
| 3. Goat | C. Cygnet |
| 4. Cow | D. Foal |
| 5. Fox | E. Kitten |
| 6. Swan | F. Cub |
| 7. Chicken | G. Fawn |
| 8. Donkey | H. Cub |
| 9. Cat | I. Puppy |
| 10. Bear | J. Chick |
| 11. Dog | K. Calf |
| 12. Deer | L. Foal |
| 13. Lion | M. Kid |

Answers
I. D 2. A 3. M 4. K 5. B 6. C 7. J
8. D 9. E 10. H 11. I 12. G 13. H

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CAN YOU MATCH EACH SHIP WITH THE COUNTRY THAT IT COMES FROM?

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- DENMARK
- BRAZIL
- JAPAN



ANSWER: 1. BRAZIL, 2. JAPAN, 3. DENMARK, 4. TURKEY, 5. UNITED STATES, 6. AUSTRALIA.

Animal parties

You may know these creatures, but do you know their collective names? What are a group of kittens called? The groups' collective name is a "litter."

Try your luck by drawing a line from the animals to their collective names.

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Ducks | A. A murder of |
| 2. Elephants | B. A herd of |
| 3. Gorillas | C. A bevy of |
| 4. Crows | D. A pod of |
| 5. Seals | E. A brace of |
| 6. Rabbits | F. A band of |

Answers
1. E 2. B 3. F 4. A 5. D 6. C

Crazy comparisons

We constantly compare ourselves (or others) to animals. Here's just a sampling:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Gentle as a dove | Sly as a fox |
| Timid as a rabbit | A lone wolf |
| Fierce as a tiger | Stubborn as a mule |
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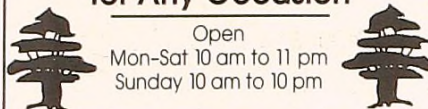
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Community Calendar

- **Belleville Art Colony** - Every Friday in August, from 4 to 8 p.m., the Belleville Area Council for the Arts will host its annual Belleville Art Colony in the 4th Street Square. Professional and nonprofessional artists are welcome to participate. Call 734-697-7151 for more information.
- **Chamber Hosts Golf Outing** - The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Golf Outing fund-raiser on Thursday, August 25, at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course (39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne). Registration will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast and practice-range session; shotgun start time is 11 a.m. The event will conclude with a banquet/awards program at 4 p.m. Prize categories will include Hole-in-One and Closest-to-Pin; door prizes and raffles will also be featured. Cost is \$120 per player. **Deadline for registration is Friday, August 12.** For more information, contact Karen La Belle at the Chamber (9191 Wickham; 734-326-4290) or call David Goodwin (734-287-2400).
- **Head Start Hosts Summer Screenings** - Romulus Head Start (located in the Burton Center at 35408 Beverly Road) has planned a summer screening event for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, for parents who want to enroll their preschoolers in the program. Parents of children who will be 3 years old on or before December 1, 2005, and who meet various other requirements (call 734-532-1900 for details), may register. During the screening program, children may also be checked for the following: height, weight, blood pressure, hemoglobin, lead, hearing, vision, and dental health; ESI testing may be done, as well. Note: The following materials should be brought to registration: the child's birth certificate, child's and parent's Social Security cards, child's immunization records, child's doctors' names/addresses; parent's proof of residency (valid driver's license or state ID), family's health insurance card(s), parent's proof of employment, and income proofs such as W-2 or 1040 forms or FIA/TANF breakdowns. Please allow at least one hour to complete the registration process.
- **Childhood Immunization Clinics Offered** - Oakwood Healthcare System is offering free childhood immunization clinics (Dtap, Hib, Polio/IPV, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Pneumococcal Conjugate/PCV, and Td) on four different dates: Saturday, **August 27**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Surgical Center Main Lobby (east entrance) at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (33155 Annapolis Avenue, Wayne); Monday, **August 29**, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Medical Office Building (first floor, outpatient radiology suite) of the Oakwood Southshore Medical Center (5450 Fort Street, Trenton); Wednesday, **August 31**, in the Atrium (near the Outpatient Pharmacy) of Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center (18101 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn); and Wednesday, **September 7**, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Main Lobby of Oakwood Heritage Hospital (10000 Telegraph Road, Taylor). To be eligible for the immunizations, a child must either be enrolled in Medicaid; have no health insurance; be enrolled in a health plan that does not cover immunizations; or be an American Indian. Parents *must* bring their child(ren)'s immunization records to the clinics. For information, call Lisa Rutledge (313-586-5492).
- **RHS Class of 1975 Plans 30-year Reunion** - Romulus High School's Class of 1975 will hold its 30-year Reunion on Saturday, September 24, at Lyskawa VFW Hall (Dearborn Heights). For more information, contact Peggy (Stears) Staten (call 734-941-7464 or e-mail pstaten75@yahoo.com).
- **New Life Baptist Church Welcomes You!** - New Life Baptist Church invites the public to attend weekly worship services on Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds (10871 Quirk Road, Belleville). For more information, call Reverend Billy J. Hailes, pastor, at 734-697-8968, or send an e-mail to smmajcgi2002.
- **Open Arms Lutheran Church** - Open Arms Lutheran Church (7865 Belleville Road, Belleville) invites the public to worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday. For more information, call Reverend Jim Richter at 734-699-5000.
- **Kindergarten Enrollment Now Open** - Romulus Community Schools continues to accept enrollment for its all-day/every-day and half-day/every-day kindergarten programs for the 2005-2006 school year. Children who will be five years old as of December 1, 2005, are eligible. For more information, contact the district's administrative office: 734-941-1600.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, senior citizens program coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at Romulus Senior Center, temporarily located at Romulus Progressive Hall, call 734-941-6009.)

Michigan State Fair

The Romulus Senior Center will take its annual trip to the Michigan State Fair on "Senior Day" – set for Monday, August 15. Seniors (age 62 and older) who take part in the trip will pay just \$1 for transportation; all others must pay transportation plus a \$9 admission charge. Sign up at the Center.

Red Hat Society Meets

The Romulus Senior Center is now an official member of Red Hat Society Chapter #40741. For more information on how to join the group, please e-mail romulusredhatsociety@yahoo.com or call the Center.

Club One Meets

Club One – a social group for local senior citizens – meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. The next meeting, set for August 23, will feature bingo and a bag lunch.

New faces are always welcome!

Regular Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens, including:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.), and
- "game day" (Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.).

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, at the Center. As always, walk-ins (11580 Ozga) and call-ins (734-941-6009) are welcome.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, August 15, beginning at 10 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointments, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Houghton Lake Dinner Cruise** (August 19; \$60);
- **Singing in the Rain** (September 1; \$65);
- **Windsor Raceway** (September 8; \$5);
- **African Lion Safari** (September 24; \$80); and
- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (October 8; \$30).

Chiropractic Clinics

Dr. Craig Everingham from Everingham Chiropractic will be at the Romulus Senior Center on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 1:15 p.m.

To make your appointment, please call 734-941-5620.

Check Your Blood Pressure

Local senior citizens are invited to stop by the Center between 12 and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, to have their blood pressure checked by a friendly representative of the Romulus Fire Department.

There is no charge for this service.

Walk for Your Health

Ride the Senior Center's van to Wayne County Community College's Western Campus each Monday and Friday at 12:30 p.m. for an hour of safe indoor walking at your own pace. Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

The Center strongly urges anyone considering a change in his/her exercise program to consult a doctor beforehand.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

Liquid Nutrition Pickup

Just a reminder that the pickup time for Liquid Nutrition is 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. (Next date: September 14.)

Commodities Pickup

Again, just a reminder that the pickup time for Commodities and Focus: HOPE is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. (Next date: August 18.)

This program is available to low-income individuals/families of all ages. Call the Center for eligibility guidelines.

Hot Lunches

Too hot to cook? Don't forget that the Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for only \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. □

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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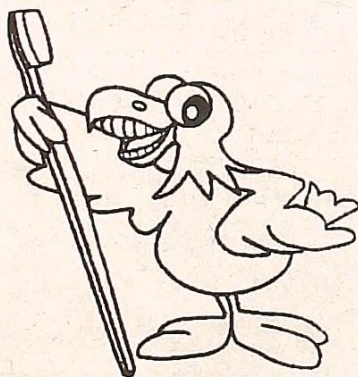
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Obituaries

Daisy Jean Manning

Daisy Jean Manning of Westland, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2005, at the age of 79.

The native of Toledo, Ohio, was born on Monday, September 14, 1925.

Daisy — a former resident of Romulus, Michigan — loved family and family gatherings. Her hobbies included arts & crafts, knitting, crocheting, sewing, and making jewelry.

Surviving Daisy are 2 sons, Robin W. (Carmen Schiavone) Melrose (Martinez, CA) and Tracy P. (Pamela) Melrose (Pittsburg, CA); 3 daughters, Sandra (Donald) Tanner (Tecumseh, MI), Sherrill (Larry) Agge (Antioch, CA), and Shannon (Kenneth) Kratina (Olympia, WA); 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a stepson, John M. Manning (St. Johns, MI); 4 stepdaughters,

Sylvia Rea (Romulus), Frankie (Eugene) Slupski (Wayne, MI), Patricia (William) Perry (Stanwood, MI), and Gwendolyn Fowler (Wayne); and many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased were her parents, Alva and Loretta M. (Mitchell) Vaughn; her husband, John D. Manning, who passed away on April 8, 1997; and a brother, Richard Franz.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, July 28, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes to Arbor Hospice Foundation or the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated by the Manning family.

Karen Plesa

Karen Plesa of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Friday, July 22, 2005, at the age of 50.

Karen — a native of Georgetown, Kentucky — was born on Tuesday, October 12, 1954, and graduated from Romulus High School in 1972. She was a hard worker who enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

Surviving Karen are her loving companion of more than 25 years, Don Kasproicz; 3 children, Aaron Plesa (Romulus, MI), Joseph Kasproicz (Belleville), and Lauren Kasproicz (Belleville); 4 siblings, Brenda Gross (Romulus), Sharon (Brian) Tinder (Taylor, MI), Lyle (Diane) Alley (Plymouth, MI), and Alex (Sue) Gross (New Boston, MI); 11

nephews and nieces; and 2 sisters-in-law, Barbara Shipman (Ypsilanti, MI) and Helina (Kenneth) Kandel (Belleville).

Among those who predeceased her were her parents, the late Elmer C. and Gladys I. (Watts) Grose; a brother, Keith Grose (who passed away on February 14, 1992); a nephew, Earl Grose (November 10, 1999); and her father- and mother-in-law, Joseph and Pauline Kasproicz.

A funeral service was held on Friday, July 29, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor Rocky Barra and Mrs. Valerie Galambus officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Memorial tributes to the Plesa family would be greatly appreciated.

Clifford J. Wagle

Clifford J. Wagle of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2005, at the age of 65.

Cliff was born to Clifford A. and Elizabeth (Gray) Wagle in Terre Haute, Indiana, on Tuesday, July 11, 1939. He was a journeyman metal model maker for many years.

Among those surviving Cliff are 3 children, Robert (Stephanie) Wagle (Romulus), Shelly (Bryan) Paige (Jonesville, MI), and Michael Wagle (Romulus); a brother, Vernon Butch Wagle; 3 sisters, Donna (Neil) Lucas (Kendallville, IN), Betty (Carl) Blackburn (Prescott, MI), and Carol (Fred) Roeder (Fenton, MI); 9 grandchildren, Matthew, Ashley, Amanda, Amber, Dakota, Chevelle, Olivia, Clifford R. and Nick; many nephews and nieces; and many friends.

A private memorial was held, and cremation rites were accorded.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (Huron Township, MI). □

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